

HOUSE RESOLUTION 171

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor Tim Shaw.

WHEREAS, this legislative body takes great pleasure in recognizing a gentleman who serves as an inspiration by living his life to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, Tim Shaw, former Penn State linebacker, National Football League (NFL) player, and member of the Tennessee Titans, was diagnosed with ALS in 2014; and

WHEREAS, since that diagnosis, Mr. Shaw has "struggled well," always endeavoring to set a good example for those around him; and

WHEREAS, as he faced the challenges of living with ALS, Tim Shaw began writing a book, which was eventually titled *Blitz Your Life: Stories From an NFL and ALS Warrior* and published this year; and

WHEREAS, the book does not focus on Tim Shaw, the NFL player, or Tim Shaw, who suffers with ALS, but rather on Tim Shaw, a man of courage and faith who is seeking to positively impact other people's lives; and

WHEREAS, realizing the limitations of our time on earth, Tim Shaw seeks to inspire others to discover their inner selves and pursue lives of purpose and fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Titans have embraced Tim Shaw and his positive outlook; the team signed him to a one-day contract at the beginning of the 2016 season, and he retired a "Titan for Life"; and

WHEREAS, always a battler, Tim Shaw played for the Titans from 2010-2012 and served as special teams captain in 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, as a Chicago Bear, he set a team record for most special team tackles with thirty and was named to *USA Today's* All-Joe Team, which honors the league's unsung and underrated players; and

WHEREAS, at Penn State, Tim Shaw was a member of the school's best linebacking corps of all time according to many and was a 2006 Academic All-American; and

WHEREAS, Tim Shaw understands that having the life you want is not nearly as important as doing your best with the life you have, and we owe him our most sincere thanks for sharing that wisdom with us; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Tim Shaw upon his life of purpose and commitment, his outstanding career in the NFL, and his courage and fortitude in living with ALS and wish him all the best.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.